IN THE CLAIMS:

Not recommended

1. (Currently Amended): An upper mounting structure of a rear strut assembly comprising:

a rear wheel housing inner panel coupled by welding to a rear floor panel and a quarter inner panel respectively;

a wheel housing cover provided with a guide hole <u>disposed along an axial direction</u> of the rear strut assembly, and bolt holes, and coupled by welding to said rear wheel housing inner panel so as to form a polygonal section with said rear wheel housing inner panel; and

a reinforcing bracket and a welding nut mounted by welding on said wheel housing cover to couple with said bolt holes;

wherein the rear strut assembly [[is]] comprises a boss, protruding in the axial direction from an end of the rear strut assembly, the boss being configured to be mounted in the guide hole.

- 2. (Original): The upper mounting structure as defined in claim 1, wherein said wheel housing cover is bent in a stair form and installed to face the inner side of a bent portion of said rear wheel housing inner panel and to form a polygonal section between said bent portion and said wheel housing cover.
- 3. (Original): The upper mounting structure as defined in claim 1, wherein said reinforcing bracket takes a form of a triangular plate and is designed to coat only said bolt hole formed on said wheel housing cover.
- 4. (Withdrawn): The upper mounting structure as defined in claim 1, wherein said reinforcing bracket including a horizontal surface portion and a vertical surface portion is installed to shroud most of the horizontal surface of said wheel housing cover and the vertical surface of said wheel housing cover.
- 5. (Withdrawn): The upper mounting structure as defined in claim 4, wherein said horizontal surface portion of said reinforcing bracket is formed with a horizontal reinforcing portion having a dome shape, and said horizontal reinforcing portion is formed with a connecting hole to communicate with said guide hole of said wheel housing cover, and said vertical surface portion of said reinforcing bracket is formed with a plurality of vertical reinforcing portions that protrude toward said horizontal surface portion.